

Lifetime Teaching License (as amended by Act 588 of 2017)

Effective: August 1, 2017, the Lifetime Teaching License is also available to persons who are retired*, whether or not they are 62 years of age.

Please Note:

- **Until the online application is changed, persons who are retired but under age 62 will have to complete a paper application.**
- **There is NO FEE for a Lifetime Teaching License**

1) The applicant must hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license

AND

2) Either:

- a. Be 62 or older - COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION @
<https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>

OR

- b. Provide a copy of a retirement letter showing that they are retired from active teaching under:
 - Ark. Code § 24-7-701 (voluntary retirement at age 60 with 5 yrs of service or at any age with 28 yrs of service);
 - Ark. Code § 24-7-702 (early voluntary retirement at any age with combined total of 25 yrs or more); or
 - Ark. Code § 24-7-704 (disability retirement)

***ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO TEACHER RETIREMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 501-682-1517, 1-800-666-2877, info@ATRS.gov**

If you are less than 62 and applying based on the law,
COMPLETE A PAPER APPLICATION @

<https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>

AND

3) Provide documentation that he/she either:

- a. Worked in an educational setting while licensed

OR

- b. Made significant contributions to education, educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational innovation

AND

4) Background checks (if none on file within the last 12 months)

Professional Development Requirements:

- A lifetime teaching license holder is not required to complete the 36 hours of annual PD for licensing purposes.
- However, a lifetime teaching license holder employed by a school district must complete all PD required by the school district (including professional growth plan requirements under TESS). Therefore all PD requirements should be discussed with the school district where the license holder is employed.